Ban on advertisement of Tobacco products on Doordarshan/All India Radio and Print Media

765. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to ban in Doordarshan/AIR and the print media advertisements on all tobacco and tobacco based products including their hoardings and gift-scheme in view of its clear involvement with cancer; and

(b) whether Government also propose to review its guidelines for Doordarshan/AIR advertisements in consultations with consumers NGOs specially; those involved with smoking and health networks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b) There is already a ban on advertisements relating to tobacco and tobacco-based products and no such advertisement is permitted over electronic media. In so far as print media is concerned, the Ministry of I&B have no control on private press in such matters.

Low level radiation from nuclear power stations and processing of Monazite sands

766. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the dangers of low-level radiation from nuclear power stations and processing of monazite sands etc.; if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government propose to set up an independent body to review the recent studies on dangers of Indian Rare Earths Ltd., Alwaye, Kerala ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) Low level radiation from nuclear power stations and from plants processing monazite sands does not pose any danger as this is much below permissible levels.

(b) A Committee under DR. M. S. Valiathan of theShri Chitra Tirunal Institute of Medical Science and Technology in Trivandrum was constituted in 1987. This Committee has given its report on safety aspects of operations in Indian Rare Earths Ltd.

Advertisement on Ayurvedic products by Doordarshan and Air

767. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) how many commercial advertisements on Doordarshan and AIR have been cleared by Government on Ayurvedic products in the last three years; and

(b) what amount Doordarshan and All India Radio have collected on advertising Ayurvedic products in the last three years till to date year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b) As booking of advertisements over All India Radio and Doordarshan is decentralised, in so far as Doordarshan Kendras and Commercial Broadcasting Service Centres of All India Radio and concerned, this information has not been kept in a centrally compiled form for any particular category of products.

Impact of cable TV on film industry

768. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 270 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 26th February, 1991 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the cable TV is likely to hit the film industry; and

(b) if so, whether Government have received any protests or representations from the trade to abandon the idea/ scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) The film industry has already been facing a crisis because of the advent of Cable Television/Dish Antennae Sysetms. The Inter-Department. Committee set up to study this problem, in its recommendations has tried to evolve regulatory mechanisms, to check the haphazard growth of these systems aimed at curbing the menace of video piracy to some extent.

(b) This Ministry has not received any formal representation from the firm industry in this regard. However, the reports about the protest rally having been organised in the city of Madras by the people of the industry has come to notice of this Ministry through newspaper reports.

तकनीकी प्रशिक्षण पाठ्यक्रम तथा प्रक्रियाओं का फिर से तैयार किया जाना

769. श्री अजीत जोगी : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार विश्व बैंक की सहायता से तैयार किये गये तकनीकी प्रशिक्षण के पाठ्यक्रम तथा प्रक्रियाओं का संशोधन कर के उन्हें पुन: तैयार करने का विचार रखती है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो मध्य प्रदेश से तकनीकी प्रशिक्षण में क्या परिवर्तन लाये जा रहे हैं तथा इन्हें किस वर्ष से लागू किया जायेगा ?

श्रम मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री रामजी लाल सुमन) : (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Setting up of Duty-free hardware parks

770. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration ot set up duty free hardware parts: if so, what are the locations thereof;

(b) whether the foreign companies setting up units in the hardware parks would be given concessional duties for import of materials and machinery; and

(c) whether these units would be allowed to sell their products in domestic tariff areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) to (c) A proposal for setting up export oriented hardware technology parks is being formulated and various elements of this concept are under examination.

Setting up software technology park

771. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to set up Software Technology Parks and if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government are considering to provide funds for setting up computers communications facilities at all sut-than that of the Department of Telecommunications and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) Yes, Sir. The Department of Electronics aas set up three Software Technology Parks one each at Pune, Bangalore and Bhubaneshwar. In addition, it is proposed to set up 12 more Software Technology Parks. The places under consideration are: Ahmedabad, Bhopal, Calcutta, Chandigarh, Gurgaon, Guwahati Hydarabad Jaipur Madras Noida, Patna and Trivandrum.